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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT [IDS]

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

[X] 1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, as it is filed:

[] A. within three months of the filing date of the above-identified national application or within three months of the entry into the national stage of the above-identified international application.

[X] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR §1.114.

[] C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

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[] i. Counsel certifies that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either

[] (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

[] (b) not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of undersigned after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

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[] ii. A check (check no. _____) for the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed. If the enclosed payment is incorrect, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035.

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[] D. after (A), (B) and (C) above, but before payment of the issue fee: Applicant(s) state as follows under

37 CFR §1.97(e) for consideration of this IDS, that, upon information and belief, each item of information listed herein was either

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[X] 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached, except as explained below.

[] A. Document(s) _____ is (are) U.S. patent(s) and/or published application(s). 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii) does not require the filing of legible copies of U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications unless required by the Office.

[] B. Document(s) _____ is (are) deemed substantially cumulative to document(s) _____, and,

in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

[] C. Certain documents were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the following prior application(s), which are relied upon under 35 U.S.C. 120:

(insert serial numbers and filing dates of prior applications)

Applicant(s) identifies these documents by attaching hereto copies of the forms PTO-892, PTO-1449, PTO/SB/08a and/or PTO/SB/08b from the files of the prior application(s) or a fresh PTO/SB/08a listing these documents, and request that they be considered and made of record in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d). Per 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of these documents need not be filed in this application.

[X] 3. Document(s) AA is (are) not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3), Applicant(s) states:

[X] An English translation of each document AA (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed. If a corresponding patent or application is being relied on, a line connecting the non-English-language document with its corresponding English-language document is drawn in the margin of the accompanying form PTO/SB/08a.

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is found in the attached _____ search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows:

(insert concise explanation of relevance)

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ can be found on page(s) _____ of the specification.

[] A concise explanation of document(s) _____ can be found on the attached sheet.

[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

(insert other information)

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Respectfully submitted,

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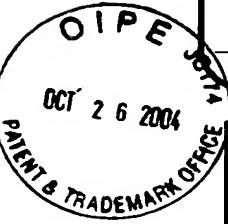
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